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No. 512. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th August 1867, No. 5,343.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 9th August 1867, No. 145:—

Season Report for June 1867.

1. I regret to have to report that fever is very prevalent and virulent in the district. I remarked on its existence early in the monsoon, and hoped that the increased rain-fall would as usual carry it off. The rain-fall has, however, been peculiar. It has been very favorable to agriculture; but as it has not been in such heavy bursts as usual, but has been more evenly distributed and broken by many hot sunny days, increased malarious exhalations have apparently been the result.

2. Be the cause, however, what it may, my Mortuary Returns shew in May 795, in June 1,265, and July 1,434 victims to this disease alone. These two latter numbers are double the mortality of the most unfavorable months of last year, and I am informed, from reliable sources, that agricultural operations have to some extent been stopped by the prostration of the agricultural population.

3. In some localities the type is virulent. One family I know was completely swept away in three days; in most places, however, it is not so virulent. It is very general.

4. I have applied to the Zillah Surgeon for all the medicine available, a very insufficient stock; and being far, in point of time, from other medical aid, have, as the case is emergent, purchased other medicines in the local market.

5. I have sent out my own Dresser, and applied to the Zillah Surgeon, rather than to the more distant Deputy Inspector General, for the services of another, if temporarily available, and have issued the enclosed notice in my District Gazette, and separately printed on small slips of paper, simple instructions approved by the Zillah Surgeon for the exhibition of the medicines. The medicines have been made up in packets at the Dispensary, and, being accompanied by my printed wrapper, even the ignorant can scarcely err in using them.

6. The more wealthy are able to pay for their own medicines, and they told me personally, and eagerly, that they would most willingly do so, if only they could get them. I have, therefore, put quinine within their reach, by sending a few bottles to the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars for sale, at the cost price labelled thereon. This I have been able to do, without entailing any expense on the Government, by the kind assistance of the German Missionaries, who have placed at my disposal all their available stock, allowing me to return whatever may not be required, and to pay after realization by the Tahsildars for whatever may be bought.

7. I trust that, considering the mortality which I trust will be but temporary, the Board will be pleased to approve the steps which, under the emergency, I have taken.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th August 1867.

NOTICE.

1. In consequence of the prevalence of fever, medicines are being supplied to all Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars, and will by them be distributed gratis to the poor, with simple printed instructions for use.

2. One Dresser has been sent out to assist the sick, and the services of another have been applied for.

3. The Dresser will have instructions to itinerate, delaying not longer than from two to at most eight days in any one village during which time they will give instructions to any person selected by the villagers, and will leave with him medicines for distribution.

4. Tahsildars, and Deputy Tahsildar, and Heads of villages, will make this known, and advise the people that, if they stand in need of medical aid, they should prepare a convenient building in which the Dresser can see such sick as can walk, and that they should select an intelligent, active, and trustworthy individual to receive instructions from the Dresser at such temporary hospitals, to accompany him on any sick rounds he may require to make in that village, and to be intrusted with the proper distribution of medicines gratis after his departure.

5. For the benefit of wealthier sick who are able to pay for their medicine, all Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars have been supplied with quinine for sale, at the cost price of Rupees 6 a bottle.

6. Tahsildars will not sell less than a whole bottle, or allow the bottles to be opened till paid for. The purchasers can retail or share amongst themselves, if they like.

7. The Tahsildars will report in a fortnight, or earlier, if their supply is insufficient, or not purchased.

MANGALORE,
8th August 1867.

(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
Acting Collector.

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1. Submitted for the information of Government, with the Board's recommendation that Mr. Thomas be granted the additional medical assistance which he desires.

2. Mr. Thomas' prompt action in the matter merits commendation, and his proceedings have the Board's approval.

No. 513. ORDER thereon, 27th August 1867, No. 2,004.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government entirely approve Mr. Thomas' proceedings.

2. The Inspector General, Medical Department, will be requested to furnish such aid in medicines and medical attendance as can be provided on emergency, and to inform Government what can be done, and what he would recommend.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Acting Collector of South Canara.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.
,, the Editors' Table.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Acting Collector of South Canara.

Exd. J. Wright.

Submitting to Government letter from Collector of South Canara stating that fever is very prevalent in District, and reporting steps taken to distribute medicines; and recommending that an additional Dresser be sanctioned for District.

Dated 19th August 1867.

No. 5,343.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

1867. Department.

No. 2,252.